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"ARABIDOPSIS THALIANA GENOME SEQUENCE AND USES THEREOF",

the specification and claims of which was filed on December 28, 1999 as application Serial No. 09/474,435 and identified by the docket number 04983.0209.US00/38-21(15473)B.

- (D) I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims and the preliminary amendment attached to this declaration.
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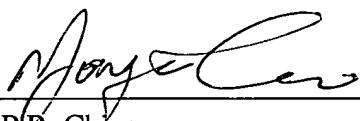
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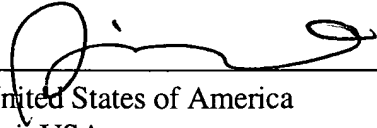
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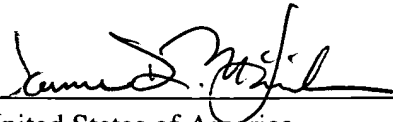
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